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DESIGN  
PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Attorney Docket Number	180/179 PCT/US
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I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

A Novel siRNA-Based Approach To Target The HIF- $\alpha$  Factor For Gene Therapy

*(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

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Application Number PCT/US04/32710 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)   (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	YES	Certified Copy Attached? NO
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Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto:

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